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HIGHLIGHTS

- There have been a total of 159 fires reported this year. Total acreage burned is 17,141 acres. There were 8 new fires reported yesterday. There are 20 active fires in the state; 1on the military lands, 1 in the Galena Zone, 2 in the Tanana Zone, 1 in the Delta area, 8 in the Fairbanks area, 1 in the Kenai area, 1 is near Tok, 1 is located on the Chugach National Forest and 2 in the Anchorage area. All are being monitored closely.
- A Red Flag Warning remains in effect for the north slopes of the Alaska Range today. The northern part of Interior Alaska is under a Red Flag Warning from 12 noon to 10 PM today.
- The Mooseheart fire is now at 5,800 acres and Smokejumpers received supplies and established sprinklers and hoselays to protect structures around Moose Heart Lake. Transition with the Type 3 incident commander occurred. The Chena IHC was transported to the fire and began assisting smokejumpers with line construction, burn-out operations and cabin protection around Mooseheart Lake. A paracargo delivery was received by the fire in the afternoon and a staging area at Manley Hot Springs was established. The Tanana #1 crew was ordered and staged in Tanana for transportation to the fire tomorrow. Firefighters will continue with cabin protection tomorrow and will continue assessing structures further north and west of the fire for future protection.
- Ferry residents reported 2 smokes along the Alaska Railroad near Healy. DOF helitack, engines, ASM A-2, T-51, T-46, 2 loads of jumpers,. A-2 reported 7 separate smokes along 8 miles of the railroad tracks with structures nearby. IA resources were sent. Responding units included helitack and engines from DOF along with two air tankers, 2 loads of smokejumpers, ASM A-2, , Tri Valley, and Clear Fire Departments responded. the. Only one was road accessible after working late into the evening, the jumpers were released. The remaining resources expect to have the fire contained sometime today.
- A fire in the Fairbanks area was reported by a DOF employee. DOF engines, prevention, IA squads, and VFD responded. Air support was also

requested, but personnel were already off duty. Many structures were threatened. The fire was knocked down and secured at 1 acre,. Personnel worked through the night mopping up and securing the perimeter.. Containment is expected for 5/26.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov